

Reserve

ABRAHAM PENROD AND
ELLEN E. DURFEE PENROD



Abraham Penrod was born in Hancock County, Iowa, on July 12, 1844. He died December 26, 1893, at Wallsburg, Utah.

WALLSBURG BIOGRAPHIES

Ellen E. Penrod was born March 18, 1848, at New Canton, Pike County, Illinois. She died May 6, 1925. Both are buried at Wallsburg, Utah.

The Penrod family moved to Utah in 1850, settling in Provo. When the Blackhawk War broke out anew, he joined the "Territorial Militia," to help defend the settlers against the Indians who were stealing cattle, burning buildings and massacring the people.

When the Church organized the Perpetual Emigration Fund Company, he was asked to drive teams back to the states to bring out those who were too poor to make their way over the plains. He made two such trips back to Winter Quarters.

Ellen's folks settled in a little town named Eden, near Ogden valley. Ellen was run over by a wagon coming across the plains, breaking her back. Her father made a swing cradle and hung it to the bows of the wagon for her to lie in, so the jar of the wagon would not hurt her.

In 1870, Abraham met Ellen at Eden. They were married and went to Provo, Utah, to live. Abraham was a brother to William Wall's wife and William got Abraham to bring his family up to Wallsburg to help him, with other families, in settling the little valley. Their home served as a hotel for school teachers and all others who came to the valley for work or to visit. They were always welcomed and made to feel at home. They lived here the remainder of their life. They were blessed with six children: David Abraham, Elmer, DeLose Wells, Ada Ellen, Eva Elmina and Minerva Ora.